

## NATO SHOT DOWN PASSENGER PLANE 'BY MISTAKE'

After more than 15 years of lies, disinformation, cover-ups and a string of mysterious deaths, an answer may at last be forthcoming to the mystery of the explosion that blew up an Italian passenger plane just north of Sicily on 27 June 1980.

Documents seized from General Demetrio Cogliandro, the retired head of Italy's counter-espionage service, reveal that the civilian DC-9 got caught in the wrong place at the wrong time, during a botched attempt by NATO fighters to blast Colonel Muammar Qaddafi out of the skies with an air-to-air missile.

French and American jets launched a secret operation to do away with the Libyan leader in mid-air, but panicked when they were spotted and counter-attacked by MiGs escorting Colonel Qaddafi across the Mediterranean.

When the civilian airliner came into range, the pilot of one French Mirage jet opened fire without first checking its identity, killing all 81 people on board.

(Sources: *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Independent*, 9 January 1996)

## WHOM CAN YOU TRUST?

Dozens of health authorities and hospitals across Britain are major shareholders in Britain's arms trade, according to the Campaign Against the Arms Trade group.



Britain's second biggest weapons manufacturer, General Electric Company, lists among its shareholders the British Heart Foundation and St Bartholomew's, St George's and St Thomas's hospitals in London. (*BMJ*, 6 May 1995)

Meanwhile, the ICRF and the Institute for Cancer Research own shares in Rothmans International and BAT, the makers of John Player cigarettes. Both charities also invest in Hanson, whose subsidiary, Imperial, produces Embassy and Regal brands of tobacco. Tobacco shares are also held by the National Asthma Campaign, whilst the BHF (again) owns shares in Guinness, Beefeater gin and Southern Comfort, despite the BHF warning about excessive drinking being a factor in heart disease. Interestingly, the RSPCA

is still said to own shares in Glaxo, despite their having said for some time that such shares had been sold.

(Source: *The New Abolitionist Newsletter*, Winter 1995)

## USA BANS NEW AIDS BOOK

The United States Government hopes you will never read the book, *Why We Will Never Win the War on AIDS*, by Bryan Ellison and Peter Duesberg.

On 29 December 1995, a New York Federal Court issued an order that all copies of the book be destroyed. This latest order followed on the heels of an earlier order by the same judge, banning the book from distribution any-

where in the United States or Canada, even for free.

Later, on 7 January 1996, Judge John E. Sprizzo ordered author Bryan Ellison to destroy all copies of his book.

Although he legally cannot distribute the book anymore, Ellison is determined to alert the public to this blatant cover-up.

Nor is Ellison alone in his activism. Nationwide, hundreds of angry citizens are quickly banding together to form a grassroots movement to expose the war of censorship by the AIDS Establishment.

Already this movement has spawned the "Save The AIDS Book" Legal Defense Fund, which is using the Internet as a primary vehicle for releasing information. Computer users can now access the "Fabricated Epidemic" page at the "Censorship Bypass" world-wide web site.

What makes this book so controversial is that Ellison and Duesberg belong to the ranks of hundreds of top scientists, including Nobel Prize-winners and members of the National Academy of Sciences at major institutions worldwide, who now believe that the US Federal Government has attributed the AIDS epidemic to the wrong cause.

They maintain that the HIV virus, blamed in 1984 as the official cause of AIDS, is actually a harmless germ against which the government has wasted over US\$40 billion in research and prevention.

"If the public would find out about this disastrous mishandling of the War on AIDS, tens of thousands of government-funded scientists and gay rights organisations would lose their funding overnight," says Ellison. "That's why they have to stop



our book, and that's why we can't let them silence us."

The "Censorship Bypass" web site features internal government memos and other documents never before shown to the public. Their web site address is: <http://www.kaiwan.com/~bypass>.

For further information, contact "Save The AIDS Book" Legal Defense Fund, 4141 Ball Road, #157, Cypress, CA 90630, USA; phone/fax (805) 681 9988, email [AIDSCENTRL@aol.com](mailto:AIDSCENTRL@aol.com).

(Source: *alt.conspiracy, the Internet*)

## PROZAC SETTLEMENT KEPT SECRET

An American judge has taken Prozac manufacturer Eli Lilly to task for making a secret settlement with the families of the victims killed and injured by Joseph Wesbecker who went on a shooting rampage while on the drug.

The families argued that Eli Lilly had not accurately reported the test results of Prozac to the drug regulator, the Food and Drug Administration. They also cited Eli Lilly's history of criminal disclosure, particularly in relation to its anti-inflammatory drug, Oraflex.

In the Oraflex case, Eli Lilly pleaded guilty to 25 criminal misdemeanour counts of failing to report information about the drug's adverse reactions to the FDA.

But after fighting to get the Oraflex evidence admitted, the plaintiffs decided not to introduce it after allegedly reaching a secret agreement with Eli Lilly.

Eli Lilly, while admitting that a settlement had been reached, stated that its existence and terms should now remain a secret.

But Judge John Potter, who presided at the case, commented: "Secrecy is certainly not important to the millions of people taking Prozac and the thousands of doctors prescribing Prozac. They want to know."

(Source: *Townsend Letter for Doctors & Patients, October 1995*)

## HIDDEN BOMBSHELLS IN WORLD TRADE BILL

When the World Trade Organisation Bill was submitted to the US Congress last autumn, quick and easy approval was expected. But critics have uncovered some hidden bombshells that may spell trouble.

Supporters of US membership in the WTO, an outgrowth of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT), had cause for confidence. After all, the Clinton Administration had managed to

win congressional approval of NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, and the idea of an ever greater and freer exchange of goods and services seemed as popular as motherhood and apple pie. Anyway, who in the world would bother to read all of the WTO/GATT agreement's 22,000 pages?

Well, apparently, a few sharp-eyed critics have gone through enough of the voluminous accord to discover some unsettling fine print which they are now making public, such as:

- Portions of Sections 501-534, which make basic changes in US patent laws that diminish the constitutional rights of patent protection.

- Section 742, which requires every newborn baby to get an IRS Taxpayer Identification Number at birth.

- Section 745, which authorises the US Treasury to eliminate the guaranteed minimum interest rate on US savings bonds.

- Section 766, "which is a mysterious change in pension laws, slipped into GATT/WTO to benefit some powerful special interest whom congressional committees refuse to identify. Changes in US pension laws should have absolutely no place in a trade bill."

Nor is this all. Hidden in the 1,000-page GATT/WTO implementing legislation is a provision (Section 801) to give federal subsidies worth over US\$2 billion to *The Washington Post*, Cox Enterprises (which owns the *Atlanta Constitution*), and a consortium of insiders operating under the name "Omnipoint".

According to the October 1995 report of Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, "The

whopping subsidy was negotiated in secret, and its revelation by (media) competitors was a huge surprise to everyone."

"In August of this year," says the Eagle Forum report, "the Federal Communications Commission adopted a fee formula for the valuable licenses granted for PCS (personal communications service—a technical advance in cellular service). The fair market value of the licenses issued by the FCC to these three firms for the lucrative New York, Los Angeles and Washington, DC, markets is estimated by experts to approximate US\$3 billion. However, the Chairman of the House Commerce Committee, Democrat John Dingell, and President Clinton slipped Section 801 into the GATT/WTO legislation, which reduces the FCC fees to be paid by these three companies to about US\$875 million."

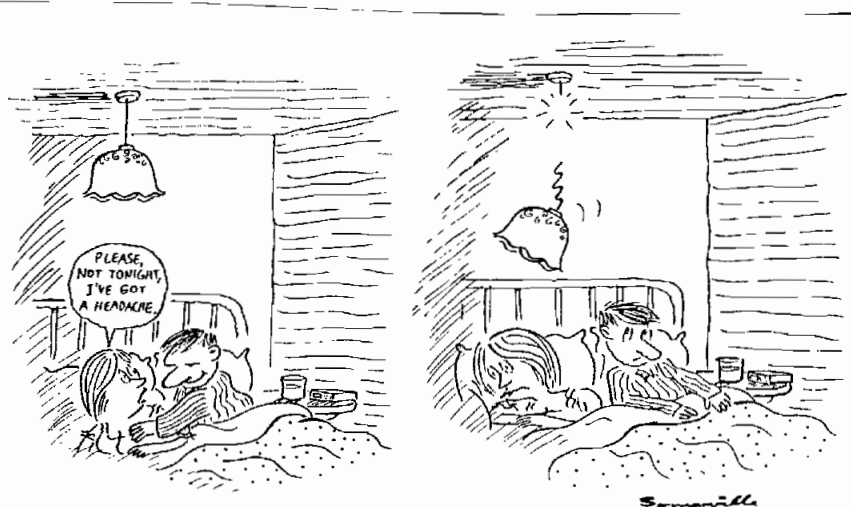
According to the report, this hidden financial subsidy "explains the lavish support given to Bill Clinton and to GATT/WTO by those big newspapers".

(Source: *America's Future Inc., PO Box 1625, Milford, PA 18337, USA, via alt.news-media, off the Internet*)

## THE LINK BETWEEN BREAST CANCER AND BRAS

Can the wearing of bras actually cause cancer? Two medical anthropologists, backed by carefully compiled data, suggest in their book, *Dressed to Kill*, that a scientifically valid link between breast cancer and bras does exist.

The authors, Sydney Ross Singer and Soma Grismaijer, claim that by artificially constricting the female upper torso the bra



suppresses the body's lymphatic system from flushing accumulated wastes from the body, causing toxins to build up in breast tissue and creating an environment ripe for a host of health problems.

The authors interviewed some 4,700 women, with and without breast cancer, in five major US cities, with startling results.

Statistical analysis showed that women who wear a bra more than 12 hours a day are 19 times more likely to develop breast cancer than women who wear bras less than 12 hours a day.

Moreover, women who wear their bras all the time, even to sleep in or virtually 24 hours a day, have a 113-fold increase in breast cancer incidence when compared with women who wear their bras less than 12 hours daily!

(Source: *Townsend Letter For Doctors & Patients*, February/March 1996)

## "MUTANT MESSAGE" WAS MAKE-BELIEVE

Controversial American author Marlo Morgan offered Australian Aborigines an apology yesterday for her best-selling book, *Mutant Message Down Under*, which Aboriginal people claim is deeply offensive.

In an interview with SBS Radio from New York, Morgan broke down and said: "I would like to say that I'm terribly sorry and my sincere, my sincere apologies to any Australian Aboriginal person if I have offended them in any way."

The book claims to be a true account of Ms Morgan's journey through the central

Australian desert with a group of Aboriginal people.

But Aboriginal people have called it an insulting hoax, claiming that they cannot find any evidence that Marlo Morgan's journey actually took place nor anyone who met her when she was in Australia.

In the book, Ms Morgan claimed to have travelled with the "Real People" in central Australia and to have been taught how to transform her body from human form into another form of life, and other alleged Aboriginal secrets. She also claimed to be a messenger for the Aboriginal people.

However, Morgan now admits she made the whole thing up.

The book continues to sell in the US, Japan and Australia, and Hollywood is considering a film based on the story.

(Source: AAP, *The Weekend Australian*, 27-28 January 1996)

## SHELL OIL ADMITS ARMING NIGERIAN POLICE

The Shell oil company has been forced to admit that it imported weapons to help Nigerian police "protect" its oil installations in Ogoniland after the Nigerian press revealed the company had called for tenders from arms suppliers.

The admission makes a mockery of Shell's claims, in the aftermath of the execution of environmentalist Ken Saro-Wiwa, that it did not interfere in Nigeria's internal politics. Shell was widely accused of collaboration with the military regime to suppress opposition to its oil operations in the Niger delta region.

Shell executive Eric Nickson defended the company's practice of directly arming police, by pointing out that "a wide range of companies in Nigeria" import weapons for the police. Heavily armed police have instituted a reign of terror in Ogoniland for many years in defence of Shell's operations. In 1990, riot police swept into the village of Umechem, at the request of Shell, to suppress a peaceful demonstration. At least 80 people were killed.

(Source: *Green Left Weekly*, 14 February 1996)

## SUBLIMINAL COKE ADS?

According to a news item in the NZ magazine *Soil & Health*, Coca-Cola was forced to withdraw thousands of posters distributed to soft-drink outlets in Australia and New Zealand when an "obscene" image (a fellatio scene, no less!) was found hidden in the artwork.

As part of the poster artwork portraying Coke's new bendy bottle, a collection of ice cubes bearing the shocking reflective image appeared at the bottom right-hand corner of the poster. Coke executives toured the suburbs in both countries, reclaiming the poster in order not to damage the corporate image.

"The artist concerned will never be employed by Coca-Cola again!" intoned the embarrassed Coke suits.

(Source: *Soil & Health*, Feb/March 1996)

## SCIENTISTS WARN OF TIDAL WAVE RISK TO AUSTRALIA

Those uncomfortable prophecies of a huge tidal wave to hit Sydney, Australia, in the near future might not be so wild.

Geoscientists at the University of Wollongong have revealed that eastern Australia appears to have been inundated regularly over the past few thousand years.

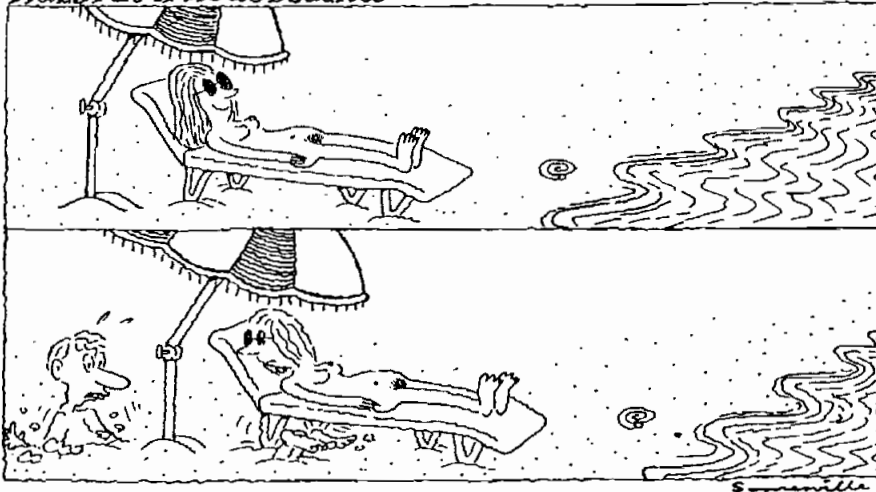
In fact, the most recent tsunami is estimated to have hit our coastline about 250 to 300 years ago, when a wall of water some 110 metres high (that's 360 feet) struck the NSW coastline. Needless to say, a wave that size hitting eastern Australia today would probably wipe out 50 per cent of Australia's population in one sweep!

Waves of this size are believed to be the result of events such as underwater volcanic eruptions or landslides.

Speaking of which, an underwater volcano has just been found off Vanuatu. If it goes off with a bang tomorrow, you may not be getting any more issues of NEXUS!

(Source: *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 19 February 1996)

## Hazards of nude beaches



## FRENCH COURT RULES THAT VITAMIN C IS A DRUG

A French court case against the supermarket Carrefour for selling Vitamin C 800mg tablets, has set a new precedent with the ruling that the product is a medicine by function.

The court went even further and ruled that Vitamin C in dosages of 250mg and 500mg is also a drug (medicinal), and that the point at which it becomes a non-medicine is around 100mg to 150mg a day.

Carrefour was found guilty and fined 20,000 French francs (about US\$4,000).

The ruling has shocked and alarmed European health-food producers/sellers.

France is now in the process of drafting its own supplement proposals, and its EU discussion paper is expected soon.

France is one of the core countries behind the effort to get strict world limits on dietary supplements contents and dosage levels via *Codex Alimentarius* in October of this year.

The World Health Organisation has already adopted the World Trade Organisation as the agency which will officially decide the acceptable criteria such as dosages and which ingredients are acceptable to be in dietary supplements.

(Source: *misc.health.alternative newsgroup on the Internet*, 30 January 1996)

## GERMANY'S DOCTORS FORCED TO DIVULGE PATIENTS' PSYCHIC AND SEXUAL DATA

A new German law forces all doctors in the country to provide the government with an ongoing stream of data on the psychic and physical condition as well as sexual habits of their patients.

The law, which went into effect on 1st January 1996, eliminates all pretence of confidentiality between doctors and patients in Germany.

Medical societies, human rights organisations and the government's own official in charge of privacy are now condemning the law.

Under the law, every doctor in Germany is required to provide the government with all details on patients including diagnoses, medicines prescribed and observations. The data is encrypted through the government-defined computer code ICD-10.

The government's official in charge of privacy, Joachim Jacob, has protested that the law goes far beyond Bonn's claimed need to control medical costs in Germany.

(Source: *alt.conspiracy newsgroup, the Internet*)

## KENNEDY CONSPIRACY?

Gary Raymond, the man who refused to destroy the Grand Jury records from the Jim Garrison trial of Clay Shaw, has just been sentenced to six months in prison.

Raymond was taken out of the courtroom in handcuffs for refusing to follow District Attorney Harry Connick's orders to burn the Grand Jury transcripts left over from the previous DA Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. Instead, former DA staffer Gary Raymond saved these records all these years, recently turning them over to a local reporter (whose actions in connection with the records will be ruled upon soon), and to the Assassinations Records Review Board, thereby 'breaking the seal' on the secret Grand Jury records.

(Source: *Citizens for Truth about the Kennedy Assassination*, 10734 Jefferson Blvd, #441, Culver City, CA 90230, USA)

## BIG BROTHER & THE INTERNET

An interesting event happened in Perth, Western Australia recently. Details vary according to which newspaper you read, but they go basically like this:

Fourteen-year-old Justin Jones from Winthrop, Perth, was allegedly writing/chatting about suicide while on the Microsoft Network arm of the Internet one evening.

According to the reports, a Microsoft moderator in the USA "noticed" the references to suicide, and alerted Redmond Police Department in Washington State. Several hours later, Perth police arrived at the Jones household.

Apparently Justin had no intention of

committing suicide and was just fooling around with another friend.

The interesting thing is that had Justin not been on Microsoft's arm of the Internet, authorities would have had a much tougher time locating him—or would they?

(Sources: *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian*, *The West Australian*, 22 February 1996)

## VEGETABLE HATE-CRIMES

More and more US states are passing bills allowing farmers to sue critics who make false claims about their products.

The "veggie hate-crime bills" are being supported largely by a coalition of agricultural and chemical industry interests, sick of criticism about pesticides, genetic engineering and environmental damage.

So now, if you release a report linking a broccoli pesticide with cancer, you had better tuck a few million dollars aside to defend yourself against the corporate giants who stand to suffer from your accusations.

(Source: *The Los Angeles Times*, 18 January 1996)

## HOSPITAL BUGS KILL MORE PEOPLE THAN AIDS

It is estimated that nearly 20 per cent of hospital patients pick up infections during their hospital stay, the most common bug being multiple-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).

But did you know that more people die each year in Australia from infections contracted following the insertion of a catheter in a vein than die from AIDS?

(Source: *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 28 February 1996)

